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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION TO
TELEVISION OR MAKE AVAILABLE ONLINE ITS MEETINGS.

1 WHEREAS, television and online publications play an
2 important role in keeping the public informed of daily events in
3 the State; and

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5 WHEREAS, 'Olelo Community Media has televised selected
6 proceedings of the Legislature and Honolulu City Council,
7 thereby keeping the general public informed of the major issues
8 that affect their daily lives and the decisions made by their
9 elected officials; and

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11 WHEREAS, it is important that government agencies televise
12 meetings to keep the community informed of major issues that
13 affect them; and

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15 WHEREAS, members of the public are not always able to
16 attend the open meetings of the Honolulu Authority for Rapid
17 Transportation; and

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19 WHEREAS, meeting minutes can only provide a general
20 accounting of issues discussed at these meetings, while
21 televised meetings allow the public to view the actual
22 proceedings and gain a greater context of the discussions; and

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24 WHEREAS, a well-informed public that is able to actively
25 participate in government by voicing concern and lending
26 expertise would result in more well-informed policy and decision
27 making; and

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29 WHEREAS, the Open Government Plan set forth by the Governor
30 seeks to increase community involvement in government affairs
31 affecting the community, and to make government agency meetings
32 more accessible to the public by video teleconferencing issues
33 of interest to the public; and

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35 WHEREAS, the public is often uninformed and uninvolved in
36 important matters discussed by the Honolulu Authority for Rapid



1 Transportation because its meetings are not televised or
 2 otherwise made available online; now, therefore,

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 4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
 5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015,
 6 that the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation is
 7 requested to televise or make available online its meetings; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 10 Resolution be transmitted to the Office of the Mayor of the City
 11 and County of Honolulu, Chair of the Honolulu City Council,
 12 Chair of the Board of Directors for the Honolulu Authority for
 13 Rapid Transportation, and Executive Director of the Honolulu
 14 Authority for Rapid Transportation.
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